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Mr. Thomas W. Braden
Daily Blade-Tribune
Oceanside, California

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for sending me the clipping
and the UP dispatch with your note of July 9.

When Joan was in Washington recently, I
mentioned to her that your editorial was quoted
extensively in the "Daily Worker". I am en-
closing the clipping from the July 4 edition
which, I'll wager, represents unexpected publicity
for your idea.

Faithfully,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

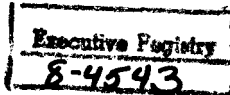
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Thomas W. Braden, Publisher

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Dear Allen:

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial and a UP wire. This thing has gotten quite a play here on the West Coast, with all the radio stations booming it.

I send it along as something you might be interested in and to show you I am still interested in organizations.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Braden

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
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Russia Vs. U.S.—In Peace

Some 35,000 people —there were 70,000 empty seats—watched the nation's top track and field athletes on each of two days compete for the U. S. Olympic team at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. We'll bet that at some time during that two-day event most of the spectators and all of the athletes wondered how they would stack up against Russia.

It's the Russians that the U. S. will have to beat in the 1956 games at Melbourne. And Russian athletes know that the team they'll have to beat in order to top the Games will be the team from the United States.

We noted in our program that the U. S. team will be competing in southern California meets between the time of its assembly at Los Angeles approximately Oct. 15 and its departure for Melbourne on Nov. 5. It occurs to us that the greatest dual meet of all time might be staged at the Coliseum during that 21-day period. It would be a dual meet that would give our team the kind of training it will need for the Olympics. It might even lend a hand to our foreign policy. Why doesn't the Olympic Committee invite the Russians to fly here for a dual meet en route to Australia?

According to our World Almanac, the Russians would have to fly only 6,000 additional miles to cover the distance from Moscow to

Melbourne via Los Angeles. In this day of 400 miles per hour, that would mean only 15 hours additional flying time. The United States could pay the extra Russian expenses thus encountered out of Coliseum gate receipts and still be money ahead.

As for foreign policy, we think such an invitation would mean far more to the average man in this world than the Russians' recent invitation to General Twining. A friendly competition between Russia and the United States on the athletic field is the kind of contest between the two nations the whole world would enjoy.

Suppose the Russians win? Well, suppose you're a Russian. Then suppose the Americans win? The loser would have the consolation of knowing that he'd have another chance in Australia. Meantime, the whole world's interest in the Olympics would be whetted.

Suppose we extend an invitation and the Russians refuse? Our gesture can't help but appear to the eyes of the world as the friendly and hospitable gesture that it would be. The world liked our invitation to Russian farmers. It would pay even more attention to a bid to Russian athletes.

And as for those 70,000 empty seats? There would be no more empty seats that day in the Memorial Coliseum.

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OCEANSIDE UP --The Ocean-
side Blade-Tribune suggested edi-
torially today that the U.S. Olymp-
ic Committee invite the Russian
Olympic team to compete against
the U.S. Olympic team in a dual
meet in Los Angeles Memorial
Coliseum sometime between Oct.
15 and Nov. 5.

The Blade-Tribune suggested
that the receipts from the meet
go into the Olympic fund and be

used to pay the extra Russia

expenses for the additional 6,000
miles they would have to fly to
stop over at Los Angeles en route
from Moscow to Melbourne.

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games in Melbourne. And the Rus-
sian athletes know that the team
they'll have to bear in order to
top the games will be the team
from the United States, the edi-
torial said.

“As for foreign policy, we think
such an invitation would mean far
more to the average man in this
world than the Russians' recent
invitation to General Twining,”

the editorial added.